

Amendments to the Claims:

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This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (previously presented) A personal item carrying device comprising:

a strap configured to be placed over a person and to extend from a first side of the person, along the front of the person, over the shoulder on a second side of the person, and return along the back of the person to the first side;

the strap adjustable via a member fixed to the strap at a first strap position and slidingly engaged to the strap at a second strap position;

the strap also including an opener that enables the strap to be opened and thereafter be placed around the person's midsection and adjusted via the member; and

a carrier supported by the strap, the carrier sized to hold a personal item.

2. (original) The personal item carrying device of Claim 1, which includes an assembly connected to end portions of the strap, the assembly including an attachment mechanism that connects the assembly to an item of apparel located substantially at the person's midsection.

3. (original) The personal item carrying device of Claim 2, wherein the opener is located between the end portions of the strap.

4. (original) The personal item carrying device of Claim 2, wherein the attachment mechanism is selected from the group consisting of: a spring clip, a lock, a hook and any combination thereof.

5. (original) The personal item carrying device of Claim 2, wherein the attachment mechanism is removable from the assembly.

6. (original) The personal item carrying device of Claim 1, wherein the opener includes an apparatus selected from the group consisting of: a buckle, a snap-fitting apparatus, a button, a magnetic device, a clip, a frictionally securing device and any combination thereof.

7. (original) The personal item carrying device of Claim 1, wherein the carrier is slideably held by the strap.